



Case No. 4498C1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Heid et al.

Application No.: 10/099738

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For: **METHODS FOR EXTERNAL
CONTROLS FOR NUCLEIC ACID
AMPLIFICATION**

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Introductory Comments

Madame:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated November 6, 2002. The amendments herein are set forth in the revised format as described in the Office's notice entitled Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted in the February 25, 2003 Official Gazette. Entry of the amendments below and reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

There are no **Amendments to the Specification**.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings**.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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